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29/11/17.

Dear Mrs. Fowler,

It is with great regret I commence writing these lines re your sad bereavement through the loss of your noble son. Unfortunately he was not with us long, but for the short time he was he proved himself to be a splendid lad, ever so willing and for the few days he was with us in the line proved himself to be full of courage which was really fine to see and none who met him there could help but admire him. I'm so sorry for you all and I could not put into words what I really feel, but believe me you have my deepest sympathy and also that of his comrades in the section. You will probably want to know where he was hit. Well it was close to the Passchendale ridge. Your boy who is with the section is also a splendid lad and full of promise. It was a hard blow to him and he showed great courage in looking after his brother when he was hit. It hapened while they were in an ammunition ~~ammunition~~ fatigue. I wasn't there myself, but I believe he laid over his brother to prevent him being hit again and also -- bandaged him giving him words of cheer, and although you have lost so good a son you have every reason to be proud of his heroic bearing and also that of the boy who is with us now. I will say good bye with deepest sympathy, and may you try to take it bravely for his sake, with every respect.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd) Robert Coming 2nd. Lieut.